

House File 2138 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the duration of dispositional orders in
2 juvenile court due to the commission of a delinquent act.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 232.53, subsection 3, Code 2011, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. a. A dispositional order entered prior to the child
4 attaining the age of seventeen, for a child required to
5 register as a sex offender pursuant to the provisions of
6 chapter 692A, may be extended one year and six months beyond
7 the date the child becomes eighteen years of age.
8 b. A dispositional order entered prior to the child
9 attaining the age of seventeen, for a child ordered to undergo
10 mental health or substance abuse treatment may be extended one
11 year and six months beyond the date the child becomes eighteen
12 years of age or when maximum benefits have been achieved,
13 whichever is earlier.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill relates to the duration of dispositional orders in
16 juvenile court due to the commission of a delinquent act.

17 The bill provides that a dispositional order entered prior
18 to a child turning 17 years of age, for a child ordered to
19 undergo mental health or substance abuse treatment may be
20 extended one year and six months beyond the date the child
21 becomes 18 years of age or when maximum benefits have been
22 achieved, whichever is earlier.

23 Under current law, all dispositional orders entered in
24 juvenile court for a child under 17 years of age terminate when
25 the child becomes 18 years of age, except for certain instances
26 when the child is required to register as a sex offender.

27 Current law also allows a dispositional order entered
28 between when a child turns 17 years of age and 18 years of age
29 shall automatically terminate one year and six months after the
30 date of disposition.

31 A dispositional order in juvenile court is similar to a
32 sentencing order in district court.